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- 1. [redacted] Communist strength on the Leichou Peninsula was esti-
mated to be 200,000 troops from the 43, 44 and 45 Armies of the 15 Army
Group* [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- 2. Troop movements into the peninsula included the following:
 - a. [redacted] 10,000 Communist troops with light field equipment 50X1-HUM
moved through Canton en route to the peninsula. Most were identified
as natives of Shantung and the Northeast serving in the 39, 58 and
102 (sic) Armies and the 482 (sic) Division.
 - b. [redacted] a train of 17 cars loaded with ammunition for rocket 50X1-HUM
launchers. 60 mm machine guns and 6 howitzers arrived in Canton from
Hankow. [redacted] a train of 12 cars arrived carrying 7 armored 50X1-HUM
cars, 9 small 2-man Soviet amphibious tanks and 200 troops. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
both trainloads and 20 heavy Soviet guns were shipped to
the peninsula via Kaiping (112-31, 22-31) and Chihkan (110-22, 21-14).** 50X1-HUM
 - c. [redacted] An-no-t'e-k'uang-su (安諾特誼斯), deputy chief of 50X1-HUM
LIN Piao's Soviet advisory group, arrived in Canton, and left for the 50X1-HUM
peninsula [redacted].
 - d. [redacted] the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column and the Central Kwangtung 50X1-HUM
Column were ordered to move to the peninsula and take over garrison
posts from the 44 Army.
 - e. [redacted] 100 technicians and artillerymen wearing the breastmark 50X1-HUM
identification "SM55" left Canton for the peninsula.
 - f. [redacted] the 4 Field Army base hospital moved to the peninsula. 50X1-HUM

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3. [] the KUEI HAI, a 500-ton ship armed by Canton authorities with four "cannon" and six machine guns, was sent from Kongmoon to Yangchiang, which is one night's sail from Hainan.

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* [] Comment. [] the 43 Army is subordinate to the 13 Army Group and the 44 and 45 Armies are subordinate to the 14 Army Group.

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[] Comment. [] the Chinese Communists shipped anti-aircraft guns in Canton daily. [] about four trainloads of armored cars and light and heavy tanks arrived in Canton via the Canton-Hankow railroad. Russians were observed handling these shipments.

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